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**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 27 April 2026, seeking information about Joe Sherry Field (Diamond Six) at Fraser Park following storm damage and in relation to its current status, future plans, and associated arrangements with softball users.

Each of your questions is addressed in turn below.

1. *Any assessments of the current condition of the field following the storm (e.g. safety, usability, engineering reports)*

**ANSWER:** Council is aware that the back fence on Diamond 6 was damaged during the February storm event. The damage is visible, and quotes have been obtained to repair the fence. The repair is considered routine operational maintenance and does not require a formal condition report or further technical assessment.

2. *Any decisions made, or under consideration, regarding repair, reinstatement, demolition, or repurposing*

**ANSWER:** Council intends to repair the damaged fence to its previous specification. There are no current plans to remove the fence, and Diamond 6 is not part of any confirmed redevelopment or repurposing plans.

3. *Any plans, timelines, or budget allocations relating to work at this site*

**ANSWER:** There is no dedicated project budget for this repair. The work will be funded through the sportsgrounds operational budget. Subject to contractor availability and weather conditions, the repair is expected to be completed within the next one to two months.

4. *Any reports or internal communications relating to proposals to redevelop, remove, or repurpose the field (including reuse of materials)*

**ANSWER:** We are refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the information is not held. There are no reports or recorded communications relating specifically to proposals concerning Diamond 6.

Council has had high-level discussions about potential future configuration options at Fraser Park more broadly, involving a range of sports. No decisions have been made and no specific changes have been confirmed.

5. *Any consultation undertaken, or planned, with user groups or the community*

**ANSWER:** We are refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the information is not held. There has been no consultation undertaken or planned that is specific to Diamond 6.

6. *Any agreements or documented arrangements between Council and our club relating to the use of this field (including historical agreements where available)*

**ANSWER:** No agreement or documented arrangement between Council and Hutt Valley Marist Softball Club relating to the use of Diamond 6 has been identified, including any historical agreements.

7. *Information on ground fee arrangements for softball use at Fraser Park, including how fees are applied between Hutt Valley Softball Association and affiliated clubs, and whether any clubs are invoiced directly by Council in addition to any Association-level charges*

**ANSWER:** Council invoices Hutt Valley Softball Association for the seasonal use of softball diamonds at Fraser Park, including Diamond 6, as part of the Association's seasonal booking.

Affiliated softball clubs typically access the diamonds through this arrangement and are not invoiced separately by Council for that same use.

Where a club or group wishes to use a diamond outside of the Association's seasonal allocation, for example for additional training sessions or one-off events, a separate booking is required and Council may invoice that user directly in accordance with its fees and charges.

8. *Details of any variations, concessions, or alternative arrangements that apply to softball clubs in relation to ground fees*

**ANSWER:** We are refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because Council does not hold recorded information on variations, concessions, or alternative arrangements specific to softball clubs.

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